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To: Local Plan

Subject: Feedback to draft Local Plan 2019

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My feedback to the draft Local Plan (2019) is presented as a series of questions. I would appreciate clarity on the following, with some specific examples:

- Given the councils recent commitment to reducing carbon emissions how does the Local Plan plan align with that commitment?
- How will air quality improve as a result of the draft Local Plan?
- How does the plan align with Warrington's Public Health report? As well as any other of the towns plans?
- How will health and social inequalities be reduced as a result of the Local Plan?
- Why is growth considered good?
- How will this plan boost the local economy?
- Most of the employment opportunities that this plan could create will be for people on low, zero hour wages. How will these employees be able to afford the housing on offer?
- Futhermore why would more affluent people wish to live close to sheds/distribution hubs situated in south Warrington?
- Have all the empty properties across the town been taken account of? Do they need to be factored into this revised figure of the provision of 18,900 homes over the next 20 years?

This plan (and any other) needs to accompanied by a clear commitment to the provision of public infrastructure (for eg schools, GP surgeries, shopping facilities). What plans are in place to facilitate this and where will the funding come from to make this happen?

This feedback is an attempt to engage with a council that appears to ignore me and my neighbours - because we wish to do is seek clarity, challenge and ensure the council is held to account.

Yet the right of the public to present questions to the council at full council meetings, via Supplementary Questions, has been banned for the past 12 months. Why do this at such a critically important time?

In terms of quantifying impact and benefit – an exercise that councils often require when commissioning services - I would like to know how, in qualitative and quantitative ways, the draft Local Plan benefits all the possible stakeholders involved? This includes local residents and developers. By what proportion do they gain and how?

Personally I am not against development, sometimes we need it, but as long as it's done in the right way in order to benefit current and future local residents. However, the scale and scope of this plan does not show how it will.

Finally, will the independent Planning Inspector have sight of all the feedback received from this Local Plan consultation?

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